

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 5, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, cotton, rice sorghum and soybeans. Row crop producers are getting sunshine and dry weather, which will allow crops to be planted. Cattle producers are harvesting cool season grasses. Soil moisture conditions were rated 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	94	90	92	81	2	10	42	43	3
	Emerged	82	70	81	70					
Cotton	Planted	37	4	40	41	---	---	---	---	---
	Emerged	79	58	84	59					
Rice	Planted	61	30	63	33	0	2	34	64	0
	Emerged	66	60	61	53					
Sorghum	Planted	50	38	50	40	2	28	55	15	0
	Emerged	29	24	23	13					
Soybeans	Planted	18	---	17	8	---	---	---	---	---
	Emerged	100	99	100	99					
Wheat	Heading	89	45	97	89	0	5	32	43	20
	Mature	4	---	2	4					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	25	---	15	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peanuts	Planted	65	26	57	40	---	---	---	---	---
Sweet potatoes	Planted	10	8	4	15	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	88	67	73	76	1	4	43	51	1
Blueberries						1	33	39	23	4
Cattle						1	11	38	42	8
Pasture						0	8	46	33	13

County Agent Comments

"Rice farmers are flushing fields because ground is drying so rapidly. Wheat conditions are showing little disease pressure. Cotton planting is going well. Corn looks good except where carry over chemicals continue to hang around."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Cotton planting is occurring rapidly. Planting will be complete, if weather holds out, by the weekend. Cotton will be emerging in 4-5 days. Group IV soybeans have emerged and look good. Wheat has headed and has good yield potential."

— Randall Smith, Leflore County

"Farmers were back in the fields planting corn, cotton and preparing land for soybeans. Pastures, hay, and wheat continue to improve. Livestock producers are hoping for higher cattle prices in the near future."

— Dalton Garner, Prentiss County

"Cotton planting resumed Thursday. It won't take long to complete planting. Soybean planting will have to wait for soils to dry and priority crops to be put in."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

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Weather Summary From April 29, 1996 to May 5, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	87	42	67	67	+0	0.74	-0.62	1	6.38	88	52	68	0.30
Cleveland	88	44	68			0.42		2	6.28				
Tunica	88	39	65	65	-0	0.36	-1.08	2	0.68	80	61	69	
Extreme/Average	88	39	67	66	+1	0.51	-0.89	2	4.46	88	52	69	0.30
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	84	40	65	63	+2	0.54	-0.69	1	2.43	78	52	65	0.22
Memphis	86	42	68	66	+1	1.18	+0.07	1	3.26				
Oxford	86	37	66	64	+3	0.32	-1.07	1	4.11				
Extreme/Average	86	37	66	64	+2	0.68	-0.56	1	3.27	78	52	65	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	83	39	65	64	+1	0.45	-0.67	1	6.28				
Corinth	86	42	68	65	+3	0.35	-0.99	1	4.96				
Iuka	83	37	62			0.66		1	5.83				
Pontotoc	86	41	67	65	+2	0.80	-0.35	1	6.38	83	55	69	0.26
Tupelo	85	42	66	65	+1	0.76	-0.38	1	6.06				
Verona	84	40	64			0.27		1	6.17	76	50	63	0.22
Extreme/Average	86	37	65	65	+1	0.53	-0.66	1	5.95	83	50	66	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	89	42	68	68	+0	0.80	-0.33	1	7.67	88	62	74	
Greenwood	88	44	68	68	+1	0.73	-0.50	1	6.66				
Rolling Fork	88	42	67			0.82	-0.49	1	7.71	90	65	73	0.24
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	88	44	69	69	+1	0.74	-0.65	1	2.06				
Extreme/Average	89	42	68	68	+0	0.77	-0.50	1	6.02	90	62	74	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	85	40	66	66	+0	0.18	-1.08	1	4.60				
Jackson	87	32	64	68	-4	0.22	-1.08	1	5.81				
Winona	83	37	63	64	-1	0.20	-0.99	1	8.42				
Extreme/Average	87	32	64	66	-2	0.20	-1.05	1	6.28				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	89	45	71			0.18	-0.73	1	3.17	79	55	66	
Columbus	90	43	69			0.00		0	5.13				
State University	88	43	67	67	+1	0.33	-0.62	1	2.18	90	56	72	
Extreme/Average	90	43	69	67	+3	0.17	-0.76	1	3.49	90	55	69	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	42	67			0.46		1	5.69	83	60	73	
Natchez	86	44	69	70	-0	1.20	-0.05	1	6.66				
Oakley	86	42	68			0.87	-0.18	1	6.36	87	55	71	
Vicksburg	86	45	68			1.10		1	8.29				
Extreme/Average	86	42	68	70	-1	0.91	-0.25	1	6.75	87	55	72	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	87	44	68	70	-2	0.58	-0.49	1	4.58				
McComb	86	41	67	69	-2	0.14	-0.96	1	3.31				
Extreme/Average	87	41	67	69	-2	0.36	-0.73	1	3.95				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	87	43	66			0.71		1	3.84	89	57	71	
Hattiesburg	85	45	68	69	-1	0.45	-0.61	1	3.26				
Laurel													
Meridian	86	41	67	67	-0	0.83	-0.18	2	4.25				
Newton	85	40	67	67	-0	0.20	-1.02	1	4.17	78	54	67	0.21
Extreme/Average	87	40	67	68	-1	0.55	-0.55	1	3.88	89	54	69	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	84	45	68			0.94		1	10.85				
Biloxi	83	53											
Gulfport	82	49	68	72	-3	2.95	+2.02	1	9.73				
Pascagoula	79	43											
Poplarville	87	44	68	70	-3	0.65	-0.43	1	2.96	88	60	73	0.23
Extreme/Average	87	43	68	71	-3	1.51	+0.50	1	7.85	88	60	73	0.23
State	90	32	67	67	-0	0.62	-0.54	1	5.19	90	50	70	0.23

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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